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1. HOPEFULLY YOU WILL FIND SADAT IN A MORE POSITIVE FRAME OF MIND THAN KAMEL. IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT CONTACTS BE RESUMED BETWEEN EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS FOR US TO BE ABLE TO LAUNCH THE STRATEGY WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH SADAT. IF LONDON TALKS DO NOT TAKE PLACE, WE SEE NO WAY THAT WE CAN MOVE WITH ANY HOPE OF SUCCESS TO LATER PHASES OF THE SCENARIO LAID OUT IN THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR PRESENTATION TO SADAT. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER IT WILL PROVE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE ABOVE POINT SECRET

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TO GET SADAT'S ACQUIESCENCE AND, IF SO, HOW YOU CAN BEST MAKE THIS POINT TO HIM. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS SAID HE WILL FOLLOW PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADVICE ON TACTICS. LONDON TALKS ARE THE WAY PRESIDENT CARTER BELIEVES WE MUST PROCEED AND ARE IN FACT BASED UPON OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SADAT SAID WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM (CAIRO 15294). VANCE

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